

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A boot liner comprising:
a sole portion; and
an upper portion having a foot section fixedly coupled to said sole portion, an
5 ankle section extending upwardly from said foot section and a leg section extending
upwardly from said ankle section, said upper portion including a thermoformable
layer located on an inner side and an outer side of said ankle section and a first non-
thermoformable member located in one of said inner and outer sides of said ankle
section.
- 10 2. The boot liner according to claim 1, wherein
said first non-thermoformable member is located in said inner side of said
ankle section.
- 15 3. The boot liner according to claim 2, wherein
said first non-thermoformable member is located in said outer side of said
ankle section.
- 20 4. The boot liner according to claim 3, wherein
said upper portion includes a second non-thermoformable member located in
said inner side of said ankle section.
- 25 5. The boot liner according to claim 4, wherein
said first and second non-thermoformable members are banana-shaped pads.
6. The boot liner according to claim 5, wherein
said first and second non-thermoformable members are formed of a
polyurethane.
- 30 7. The boot liner according to claim 5, wherein
each of said first and second non-thermoformable members has a height of
approximately 70 millimeters and a length of approximately 70 millimeters.

8. The boot liner according to claim 7, wherein
said upper portion includes a tightening device with a first strap portion
overlying a part of said first non-thermoformable member and a second strap portion
5 overlying a part of said second non-thermoformable member.

9. The boot liner according to claim 1, wherein
said thermoformable layer further extends along said foot section.

10. 10. The boot liner according to claim 9, wherein
said thermoformable layer further extends along and a leg section

11. 11. The boot liner according to claim 10, wherein
said upper portion includes a foam layer overlying an exteriorly facing surface of
15 said thermoformable layer.

12. 12. The boot liner according to claim 11, wherein
said upper portion includes an outer layer overlying an exteriorly facing surface
of said thermoformable layer.

20 13. The boot liner according to claim 1, wherein
said upper portion includes an inner layer overlying an interiorly facing surface of
said thermoformable layer with said first and second non-thermoformable members
located between said thermoformable layer and said inner layer.

25 14. The boot liner according to claim 1, wherein
said first non-thermoformable member is a banana-shaped pad.

30 15. The boot liner according to claim 1, wherein
said first and non-thermoformable member is formed of a polyurethane.

16. The boot liner according to claim 1, wherein
said first non-thermoformable member has a height of approximately 70
millimeters and a length of approximately 70 millimeters.

5 17. The boot liner according to claim 1, wherein
said sole portion is a separate member that is coupled to said foot section of
said upper portion.

10 18. The boot liner according to claim 17, wherein
said sole portion is constructed of flexible materials.

15 19. The boot liner according to claim 1, wherein
said sole portion includes an outer sole section that is fixedly coupled to said
foot section of said upper portion.

20 20. The boot liner according to claim 19, wherein
said outer sole section of said sole portion includes an exterior layer of a
polyvinyl chloride material.

25 21. The boot liner according to claim 20, wherein
said outer sole section of said sole portion further includes an interior
thermoformable layer.

22. The boot liner according to claim 21, wherein
25 said sole portion further includes an inner sole section that overlies said outer
sole section of said sole portion.

30 23. The boot liner according to claim 1, wherein
said sole portion further includes an thermoformable layer.

24. The boot liner according to claim 1, wherein
said upper portion includes a tongue portion coupled to said upper portion and
arranged to span a longitudinal slit formed in said leg section, and a tightening device
coupled to said upper portion for drawing opposite lateral sides of said upper portion
5 that define said slit towards one another.

25. The boot liner according to claim 19, wherein
said tightening device includes a first strap portion overlying a part of said
first non-thermoformable member and a second strap portion overlying a part of said
10 second non-thermoformable member.